

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

ANNUAL REPORT

of the health of

THE

BOROUGH OF HERTFORD



1969

Report presented by

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Borough of Hertford

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1969

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1969

B O R O U G H O F H E R T F O R D

PREFACE

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Hertford.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health of the Borough of Hertford for the year 1969.

Once again the health record for the Borough has been good. There has been nothing of consequence to report as far as infectious diseases are concerned and with another year free from any incidence of food poisoning.

A letter was received from the Department of Health and Social Security which indicates that in the foreseeable future there will be a change in the services for chest X-rays. The proposal is that mass miniature radiography services are to be integrated with hospital radiological departments. It may be some years before this comes about but before that there will be a reduction in the number of available mobile mass radiography units.

There has been only a slight rise in the population figures. This has been due to a natural increase of 186, while 86 persons left the Borough. The total number of deaths was 184 approximating closely to those of 1968.

My thanks are due to the Public Health Committee and their Chairman for the lively interest they evince year after year in the state of the public health of the Borough, while the work of Mr. Peck and Mr. Blowes is such that it relieves me of many anxieties. I also appreciate the help I have received from the other Chief Officers and their Departments.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GORDON M FRIZELLE
Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for the Session 1969/70 comprised the following Members :-

Alderman J.J. Forrester	(Chairman)
Alderman H.E. Gilby	(Vice-Chairman)
His Worship the Mayor	Councillor G.H. Stoten
Councillors E.A. Bennett, R.J. Checkley, V.E. Cox, D.M. Graves,	
J.R. Newman, W.G. Todd.	

GENERAL STATISTICS 1969

(Table I)

(Figures for 1968 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford:

19,180 (19,080)

Natural increase or decrease	...	+	186	(+164)
Migration in or out	...	-	86	(+256)
Total increase or decrease	...	+	100	(+420)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 3,882

Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books

(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1969)

6,657

Number of Houses per acre	1.7	(1.7)
Number of Persons per acre	4.9	(4.9)
Number of persons per Dwelling	2.9	(2.9)

<u>Rateable Value of District</u>	(1. 4. 1969)	£1,227,732
	(31. 3. 1970)	£1,271,470

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

for year to 31st March 1969	£4,912
for year to 31st March 1970	£5,112

VITAL STATISTICS

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(Table 2)

		Borough of Hertford			England & Wales
		Males	Females	Total	
ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION				19,180	48,826,800
LIVE BIRTHS	Total	203	167	370	797,542
	Legitimate	189	149	338	730,500
	Illegitimate	14	18	32	67,042
STILLBIRTHS	Total	1	1	2	10,662
	Legitimate	1	1	2	9,555
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,107
TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS	Total	204	168	372	808,204
	Legitimate	190	150	340	740,055
	Illegitimate	14	18	32	68,149
DEATHS OF INFANTS					
Under 1 year of age	Total	3	1	4	14,397
	Legitimate	3	1	4	12,694
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,703
Under 4 weeks of age	Total	3	1	4	9,603
	Legitimate	3	1	4	8,494
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,109
Under 1 week of age	Total	3	-	3	8,232
	Legitimate	3	-	3	7,266
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	966
DEATHS - ALL AGES		104	80	184	579,463
Maternal Mortality		-	0	0	

Vital Statistics (Table 2 cont.)

	Hertford Borough	Hertford County	England & Wales
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LIVE BIRTH RATES, etc.

Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	19.3	15.8	16.3
Area comparability factor	0.97	0.94	1.00
Local adjusted rate	18.7	14.9	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.15	0.91	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	9	6	8

STILLBIRTH RATE - Stillbirths per 1,000 total
live and still births

5	10.9	13
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	11	14.1	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	12	14.1	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	22.0	25
Neonatal mortality rate - Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	11	10.0	12
Early neonatal mortality rate - Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	8	9.0	10
Perinatal mortality rate - Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	13	20.0	23

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

0	0.07
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DEATH RATES, etc. - ALL AGES

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	9.6	9.1	11.9
Area comparability factor	1.03	1.14	1.00
Local adjusted rate	9.9	10.4	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	0.83	0.87	1.00

Vital Statistics - Comparison of figures for 1969 with those of the previous four years.

	1965	1966	1967	1968	Average 1965/68	1969
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>						
Legitimate Male	163	166	180	178	171	189
Female	166	160	158	156	160	149
Illegitimate Male	3	8	6	9	7	14
Female	6	5	7	8	7	18
	<u>338</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>370</u>
Live Birth Rate	18.45	18.26	18.81	18.40	18.48	19.3
Area Comp. Factor	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Standardised Rate	17.90	17.71	18.25	18.04	18.00	18.7
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>						
Total Still Births	4	2	1	5	3	2
Still Birth Rate	11.70	5.87	2.84	14.04	8.61	5.38
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under one week	4	1	5	1	3	3
2nd to 4th week	0	1	1	1	1	1
4 weeks to 1 year	2	1	1	3	2	0
Inf. Mortality Rate	17.75	8.85	19.94	14.25	15.20	10.81
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u>						
	0	1	0	0	0	0
<u>DEATHS (all)</u>						
Males	74	88	64	100	81	104
Females	<u>74</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>80</u>
	148	165	137	187	159	184
Death Rate	8.08	8.89	7.34	9.80	8.5	9.6
Area Comp. Factor	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.08	1.08	1.03
Standardised Rate	8.72	9.78	8.15	10.58	9.3	9.9
<u>POPULATION</u>						
Natural increase or decrease						
Males	+ 92	+ 86	+ 122	+ 87	+ 97	+ 99
Females	<u>+ 98</u>	<u>+ 88</u>	<u>+ 92</u>	<u>+ 77</u>	<u>+ 89</u>	<u>+ 87</u>
	+190	+174	+ 214	+164	+186	+186
Migration -						
in or out	+160	+ 66	- 114	+256	+ 92	- 86
Total difference	+350	+240	+ 100	+420	+278	+100
Estimated Mid-Year Population	18,320	18,560	18,660	19,080		19,180

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Table 3)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS notified during the Year

	Total all Ages	Under 1 yr	Age Group in Years				Over 65	Age Un- known
			1-	5-	15-	25-		
Measles	33	-	19	13	1	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
<u>Cases on Register at Beginning of Year</u>		68	
(Cases per 1,000 population 1968 = 3.56)			
	Males	38	4
	Females	22	4
<u>Cases added to Register during 1969</u>		7	
New Cases	Males	4	-
	Females	3	-
<u>Cases removed from Register during 1969</u>		2	
Outward Transfers	Males	-	-
	Females	2	-
<u>Cases remaining on Register at end of year</u>		73	
(Cases per 1,000 population 1969 = 3.80)			
	Males	42	4
	Females	23	4
<u>Attack Rate per 1,000 population</u>			
(Number of cases notified - 7)		<u>Hertford</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>Hertford</u> <u>County</u>
Pulmonary	7	0.36	0.15
Non-Pulmonary	0	0.00	0.03
Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		0.36	0.18

CAUSES OF DEATH at different
periods of life during 1969

	SEX	TOTAL ALL AGES	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75 and over
B 17 SYPHILIS AND ITS SEQUELAE	M	1	-	-	-
B 19 (2) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, OESOPHAGUS	F	1	-	-	-
B 19 (3) STOMACH	M	1	-	-	-
B 19 (4) INTESINE	F	1	-	-	-
B 19 (5) LARYNX	M	1	-	-	-
B 19 (6) LUNG, BRONCHUS	M	9	-	-	-
B 19 (7) BREAST	F	1	-	-	-
B 19 (9) PROSTATE	M	1	-	-	-
B 19 (11) OTHER	M	3	-	-	-
B 21 DIABETES MELLITUS	F	6	-	-	-
B 46 (2) OTHER DISEASES OF BLOOD, Etc	M	3	-	-	-
B 46 (3) MENTAL DISORDERS	F	2	-	-	-
B 46 (4) OTHER DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM Etc	F	1	-	-	-
B 26 CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE	M	2	-	-	-
B 27 HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	F	1	-	-	-
B 28 ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	M	4	-	-	-
B 29 OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	F	1	-	-	-
B 30 CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	M	34	-	-	-
	F	19	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-
	M	7	-	-	-
	F	18	-	-	-
Sub-Total	M	71	-	-	-
	F	59	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH at different
periods of life during 1969 (con.)

	SEX	TOTAL ALL AGES	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & Over
Sub-Totals	M	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	18	31	16
	F	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	14	37
B 46 (5) OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
B 31 INFLUENZA	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 32 PNEUMONIA	M	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
B 33 BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
B 33 (2) ASTHMA	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B 46 (6) OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 34 PEPTIC ULCER	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 46 (7) OTHER DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 46 (8) OTHER DISEASES, GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B 42 CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 43 BIRTH INJURY, DIFFICULT LABOUR, Etc	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE 47 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
BE 48 ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
BE 49 SUICIDE AND SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
BE 50 ALL OTHER EXTERNAL CAUSES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	104	3	-	-	1	1	1	3	5	23	38	29
	F	80	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	11	19	47

FEMALE DEATHS - Classified according to ages from 1964 to 1969

	Number and percentage (in brackets) of female deaths						Average 1964-1968	1969
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969		
Under 1 week	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-
1 - 3 weeks	-	(2.7)	1 (3.9)	- (5.5)	1 (2.3)	- (2.7)	1 (1.3)	-
4 - 51 weeks	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
1 yr - 4 yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1 (1.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	2 (3.2)	1 (1.3)	2 (2.6)	-	-	1 (1.3)	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	1 (1.3)	-	-	-	1 (1.3)	-
35 - 44	2 (3.2)	-	1 (1.3)	2 (2.7)	3 (3.5)	2 (2.7)	-	-
45 - 54	3 (4.8)	3 (4.1)	9 (11.7)	5 (6.8)	3 (3.5)	5 (6.7)	1 (1.3)	-
55 - 64	13 (21.0)	8 (10.8)	6 (7.8)	11 (15.1)	7 (8.0)	9 (12.0)	11 (13.7)	-
65 - 74	15 (24.2)	22 (29.7)	13 (16.8)	10 (13.7)	19 (21.8)	16 (21.3)	19 (23.7)	-
75 and over	26 (41.9)	38 (51.4)	42 (54.5)	41 (56.2)	53 (60.9)	40 (53.3)	47 (58.7)	-
Total female deaths	62	74	77	73	87	75	80	-

M A L E D E A T H S - Classified according to ages from 1964 to 1969

	Number and percentage (in brackets) of male deaths					Average 1964-1968	1969
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968		
Under 1 week	2	3	-	1	1	1	3
1 - 3 weeks	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
4 - 51 weeks	1	1	-	1	2	1	-
1 yr - 4 yrs	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
5 - 14	1	2	2	-	2	1	1
15 - 24	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
25 - 34	2	1	-	-	3	1	1
35 - 44	2	-	1	2	5	2	3
45 - 54	7	3	6	5	4	5	5
55 - 64	17	14	22	15	22	18	23
65 - 74	19	29	30	18	28	25	38
75 and over	24	20	26	19	32	24	29
Total male deaths	76	74	88	64	100	(80)	104

The mid-year population figures for 1969 were 19,180 compared with the previous years total of 19,080. This gives rather a meagre increase of only 100 made up of a natural increase of 186 with an outward migration of 86. In 1968 the inward migration amounted to 256.

The number of houses per acre, the number of persons per acre, and the number of persons per house remained exactly the same as in 1968, being 1.7, 4.9, and 2.9 respectively.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of live births rose from 351 to 370 giving a live birth rate of 19.3. There was a considerable increase in the number of illegitimate births, these amounting to 32 compared with 14 in 1968.

There were only two still births, while in 1968 there were 5. For the third year in succession there were no maternal deaths. The deaths of infants under 1 year of age fell from 5 to 4.

Deaths at all ages numbered 184, there having been 187 in 1968. The total of 184 was made up of 104 Males and 80 Females.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Once again diseases of the Heart and Circulation accounted for the majority of deaths, these amounting to 71 compared with 56 in 1968, 53 of these were due to Coronary Disease, 11 being in the 55 - 64 age groups, 23 in the 65 - 74 age groups and 17 being over the age of 75.

The second highest cause of death was Malignancy which accounted for 35 deaths. Ten of these were caused by Malignant Disease of the Lung, only one being a female and having occurred below the age of 55.

The third commonest cause was Cerebro Vascular Disease. These deaths numbered 25 and 17 of these were over the age of 75.

3 deaths were attributed to Influenza and 13 to Pneumonia. The deaths of infants under 1 year of age were due to Broncho-Pneumonia, Cerebral Haemorrhage, Congenital Heart Disease and Prematurity, while those due to accident were caused by Vagal Inhibition, Drowning and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. The Registrar Generals figures gave 1 Motor Accident, and 5 accidents due to other causes, but the death returns held at this office revealed no motor accident and only 3 deaths due to other accidental causes. There were 2 Suicides.

Six persons died over the age of 90, the oldest being 99.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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There were only 33 cases of Measles and 4 of Infective Hepatitis. Those persons who suffer from Infective Hepatitis are always warned of the danger of offering themselves as blood donors later in life.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was an increase in the number of cases during the year, because of the appearance of 7 new cases, offset by 2 outward transfers. This resulted in a total of 73 cases at the end of the year compared with 68 at the outset. The number of non-pulmonary cases remained at 8, of whom 4 were Males and 4 Females. In 1969 the Mobile Unit visited Hertford and 3223 persons were X-rayed, of which 7 required treatment.

During the year a Circular Letter relating to the Mass Miniature Radiography Service was issued by the Department of Health and Social Security to Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Governors, and Hospital Management Committees. The Departments Summary of their Circular letter is as follows and sets out the Departments proposals in brief;-

" This memorandum reviews the present effectiveness of the Mass Miniature Radiography Service, and suggests that the general need for mass radiography of the chest no longer exists. Regional Hospital Boards are asked to consider in consultation with local health authorities how the need for chest X-ray services in their regions can best be met, with a view to integrating mass miniature radiography units with hospital radiological departments; and are asked to report on progress. "

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

Once again I am happy to report that during 1969 no action was required under Section 47 of these Acts.

FOOD HYGIENE

As was reported last year, once again there were no incidents of food poisoning in the Borough which is an indication of the control exercised by the Public Health Inspectors over the food handling Establishments.

LONG STAY IMMIGRANTS

The customary visits were paid to immigrants to advise them to register with a local Doctor as soon as possible, also to have their chests X-rayed. It was found that there has been some diminution in the number of immigrants settling in Hertford and the majority of these have been of European origin.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Alderman W. L. Foster continued to act as Chairman of this Committee for the fourteenth year in succession. The committee continues to take an active monthly interest both in road accidents and accidents in the home.

A campaign for the disposal of unwanted medicines was held from the 9th - 23rd June and was held to be reasonably successful. The Car Rally, held at The County Hall on the 15th June attracted 64 Entries and the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee to the Sele Farm Motor Club for their role in organising the Rally.

At the September meeting Mr. Pollard was presented with a Certificate from R.O.S.P.A. marking his nomination as the Committees nominee for the National Trophy for Road Safety to Children. The presentation was made by Chief Superintendent R. Morrison, and Mr. Pollard was thanked for the years of service he had devoted to the cause of Childrens Safety.

HERTFORD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE

This Committee continued to meet during 1969 under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. K. Loveday.

Arrangements were made for a holiday at Eastbourne and 64 old people took advantage of this and spent an enjoyable time from the 17th until the 24th May.

Another holiday would be arranged at Eastbourne for 1970, the dates being 16th - 23rd May, but only 45 people had applied. In view of steadily rising costs, it was agreed to make a flat charge of £9 per person to cover accommodation, transport and incidental costs and any surplus left would be returned to the participants.

The financial state of the Committee, while not entirely satisfactory, did not however give rise to alarm.

For Christmas festivities, grants of £5 each were made to the following Clubs, Evergreen, Bengoe, Sele Farm, Hertford Heath and Watton-at-Stone; also £5 each to the two Luncheon Clubs, Evergreen and Sele Farm; and £10 to the W.R.V.S. for the Meals-on-Wheels Service.

The activities of all the Constituent Clubs followed their customary smooth routines during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORD BOROUGH

The County Council is responsible for providing the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Health Service, Health Visiting, Home Nursing and the Home Help Service. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Clinics which serve Hertford BoeoughHealth Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford

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| Ante Natal and Post Natal | - Thursday 10 - 12. |
| Infant Welfare | - Wednesday 2 - 4p.m. |
| General Clinic for School Children | - 3rd Monday in each month. |
| Dental and Orthodontic | - Every Monday Morning |
| Speech Therapy | - Friday all day |
| Relaxation Classes - Mother Craft | - Thursdays - 4p.m. |
| | Applications to Health Centre, Hertford. |
| Cytology Clinic - For all women aged 35 - 60 who have had children | - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month - Telephone Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9 - 1, Mrs. Redwood, Hertford 3597 |
| Marriage Guidance Council | - Monday evening by appointment. |

Sele Farm Clinic, Hollybush School, Hertford

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| Infant Welfare | - Fridays 2 - 4p.m. |
|----------------|---------------------|

Bengeo Clinic, Bengeo Infants School, Hertford

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Infant Welfare | - Tuesdays 2 - 4p.m. |
| Family Planning | - 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings. |

Mentally Handicapped

There is an adult Training Centre for Male Handicapped persons in Green Street, Hertford. At present it accommodates 30 patients whose ages vary from 16 - 60. Their occupational therapy consists in assembling plastic toys and also salvaging metals from the General Post Office.

Immunisation and Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service which can be obtained from their family doctors or at the Infant Welfare Centres mentioned.

The following table gives the latest recommendations as to times :-

2 - 6 months	Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus	)))	3 injections
6 - 10 months	Poliomyelitis	)	3 doses oral vaccine. This may be given at the same time as the triple injection if the procedure is started at 3 months.
1 - 2 years	Smallpox and Measles Vaccination		
15 - 18 months	Reinforcing Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus	)))	Injection
5 years	Reinforcing Oral Polio Diphtheria Tetanus	)))	Injection
9 - 10 years	Reinforcing Diphtheria Tetanus	))	Injection
8 - 12 years	Smallpox Revaccination		
13 years	B. C. G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis		

As far as the routine immunisation of children is concerned, birth notification of children in the County has been processed by computer and in consequence it has been possible to send out an appointment for every child to attend a Clinic or its own Doctor for immunisations as they have become due. This scheme was introduced in East Herts in January 1968.

It must be borne in mind that a traveller entering certain countries must produce an International Certificate of Vaccination against Smallpox, Yellow Fever and Cholera. International Certificates should be produced from the travel agency when the intending traveller makes his booking.

Vaccination is done by the patient's own Doctor, who must enter on the Certificate particulars of the vaccine employed. The Doctor's signature must then be authenticated at the local - not County - Health Department, which holds facsimiles of all the signatures of Doctors in the District.

On the other hand, immunisation against Yellow Fever must be carried out at one of the following Centres, after an appointment is first made by telephone :-

<u>Address:</u>	<u>Tel.No:</u>	<u>Time of Attendance</u>
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, Hospital for Tropical Disesses, 4, St.Pancras Way, LONDON.N.W.1.	Euston 4411 Ext.137	Monday to Friday mornings
Yellow Fever Vaccination Service, Medical Dept. Unilever House, Blackfriars, LONDON.E.C.4.	Fleet St. 7474 Ext.2841	Tuesday and Friday 3.45 p.m.
Yellow Fever Vaccinations Service, 53, Great Cumberland Place, LONDON. W.1.	Ambass- ador 6456	Monday to Friday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Protection against Cholera may be obtained from the traveller's own Doctor and is advisable for persons undertaking journeys in the Middle or Far East. Advice may be obtained from the Embassy or Mission of the country concerned.

Smallpox has an incubation period of 14 days. Protection becomes valid 8 days after vaccination and lasts for three years.

Yellow Fever has an incubation period of 6 days. Protection becomes valid 10 days after immunisation and lasts for ten years.

Cholera has an incubation period of 5 days. Protection becomes valid 6 days after immunisation and lasts for six months.

Typhoid Fever is endemic in some countries and may be contracted by travellers in mediterranean areas. I would here reiterate the advice given in previous Annual Reports that anyone proposing to spend holidays in such regions ought, for their own sakes and for the sake of others, to seek protection from T.A.B. immunisation. This should not be left to the last moment, as the interval between the first and second doses should be at least four weeks and preferably six weeks, because of the delay in building up effective immunity.

Mental Health - Social Work Unit

The East Herts. Social Work Unit is based at "Westfield",
West Street, Hertford. Tel. No's : Hertford 3145, 5875, & 6144.

Divisional Social Worker

Miss HILDA WATSON

Senior Social Worker (Mental Health)

Mr. ROY BOHRER

Senior Social Worker (Welfare)

Mr. JOHN GILL

Social WorkersPhysically Handicapped

Miss C. LOSEBY

Southern area

Miss P. WATSON

Northern "

Blind

Miss D. TAYLOR

Northern "

Miss J. Van RAALJ

Southern "

Mentally Ill, Mentally Handicapped, Elderly etc.,

Cheshunt U.D.C.

Mrs. P. EVANS

Mrs. A. B. STROUD

Hoddesdon U.D.C.

Mrs. P. EVANS

Mrs. A. B. STROUD

Mrs. J. E. WRIGHT

Ware U.D.C.

Mr. K. R. COCKMAN

Ware R.D.C.

Mrs. P. PAGE

Hertford Borough

Mrs. B. EBELING

Hertford R.D.C.

Bishop's Stortford U.D.C.

Braughing

Mrs. R. LUCKMAN

Sawbridgeworth

Mrs. M. HEWISH

Mrs Evans and Mrs Stroud

may be reached at :

Chestnuts Day Nursery

Crossbrook Street, Cheshunt.

Tel. Waltham Cross 20905

27330, and 24658

and Mrs Hewish and Mrs Luckman at :

Health Centre, Bishop's Stortford

Tel: Bishop's Stortford 2743

If in doubt, Mental Health problems should be referred to
Mr. Bohrer and Welfare problems to Mr. Gill.

All emergency calls should be referred direct to "Westfield",
where they will be dealt with by the duty officer for the day, irrespec-
tive of area.

Family Planning

A Family Planning Clinic was opened at Bengoe Infants School on the 9th October 1969. Up until the end of the year there were 14 new patients, 39 repeat visits and 49 consultations regarding birth control.

Cervical Cytology

The attendance figures for 1969 are 301, and although lower in number than the previous year, were not in actual fact so very much smaller for the reason that one large industrial concern made its own arrangements for the examination of female workers on its own premises.

Home Help Service

This service, which is a permissive one under the National Health Service Act, was started during the last war to assist young mothers and old people who had been obliged to leave their homes. It is now an essential part of Local Health Authority Service and is a major support for the older sick and infirm.

Unfortunately the Home Help Service is under considerable strain, due to insufficient staff, as other forms of employment in industry offer many counter attractions. Any person anxious to be of assistance to either the old and infirm, or to mother and child, should approach Mrs. J. E. Clements, the Divisional Home Help Organiser, at The Health Centre, 27 Bull Plain, Hertford (Tel. Hertford 3232).

Applications for this service should also be sent to Mrs. Clements. A charge may be made in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After-Care

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Department has been established at the Health Centre, Bull Plain. Helpers are present for distribution of equipment on Mondays and Fridays at 6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m. and Wednesdays at 2.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.

In addition to the County Medical Loan Department, the British Red Cross Society also run a similar Medical Loan Service from their premises at 10, Cowbridge, Hertford (Tel. No. Hertford 4702 - Mondays to Fridays 9a.m. - 1p.m.)

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Health Visitors and Nurses

Health Visitors and State Registered Nurses who are in addition State Certified Midwives holding either Part I or Parts I & II of the Certificate. They have also had a year's training in child health and welfare, public health and social legislation. While their main function is the care of Mothers and young children they are also concerned with school health and the care of the elderly and chronic sick. There are 3 Health Visitors and 2 assistants in the Borough.

District Nurses can also be attached to family doctor practices. The District Nurse is a State registered Nurse who has also obtained the Certificate of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing or the National Certificate in District Nursing. She provides for the care of patients in their own homes.

Midwives must hold Part I and Part II of the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Hertford and district has 8 full time and 2 part time District Nurses and Midwives.

Chiropody Service

This is available at reduced costs to handicapped, old people and expectant mothers. Apply to Mr. Parkin, 24 Queens Road, Hertford who will also visit patients at home.

Miss Lismer will also give treatment at reduced rates but will not do domicilliary visits. Apply to 17, Castle Street, Hertford.

Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station at Hertford. Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

OTHER SERVICES

DENTAL SERVICES

There are 7 Dental Surgeons in Hertford. Particulars regarding School Dental Clinics are shown under Clinics.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS MEDICAL SERVICES

Hertford Borough is served by 10 General Practitioners, of whom 8 work in partnerships. To all these, there are attached Health Visitors, a scheme which has been in operation since 1967. These attachments are proving to be very successful.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital, but also by the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City. Occasionally patients are admitted to the Herts and Essex Hospital, Bishops Stortford.

Patients suffering from infectious diseases can be treated either at St. Ann's Hospital, Tottenham (Tel. No. Stamford Hill 0121) or Highlands Hospital, Wynchmore Hill, London. N.21 (formerly South Lodge Hospital, World's End Lane, London. N.21) (Tel. No. 360 8151)

Chronic sick can receive treatment at Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware. As was reported last year this hospital was closed in 1968 for re-building and extensive renovations. The improvement scheme included new sanitary annexes, extensions to the day rooms, cubicle curtaining and improved lighting facilities, Modern furniture and equipment was also provided and installed. The number of beds available is;-

69 for females, of which 47 are for psycho-geriatric patients, and 22 for males.

The official reopening was performed by Sir Graham Rowlandson M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board on the 19th September 1969.

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the examination of Specimens and Samples are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In an emergency, medical specimens can be examined at the Hertford County Hospital.

HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

The Hertford office of this Society is at 2 The Wash, (Tel: Hertford 3201)

WOMENS ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Office for the Borough of Hertford is situated in the Castle grounds, (Tel: Hertford 3926)

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REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORfor the year 1969GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

Due to the large housing programme, the Council undertook a small programme of works during 1968 which comprised 21 old persons' units, together with warden's accommodation, and three shops with maisonettes over, all on the Sele Farm Estate. These were all completed during 1969, and in addition schemes were prepared for old people's flats and bungalows, and 12 four-bedroom houses.

There has been a decrease in private housing, the number for the year being 96 compared with 110 for the preceeding year.

HERTFORD BOROUGH - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supplies within the Borough are under the control of the Lee Valley Water Company.

All water supplied within the Borough is obtained from five Boreholes sunk in chalk at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road(2), Hartham Lane and at Port Hill, all these boreholes being within the Borough boundary. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the town for many years.

The low level parts of the town are supplied via the reservoir situate at the top of Port Hill, the supply to the higher parts of the town being via Bengoe Tower, though pressure in the mains supplying the high ground to the south is assisted and maintained from the high level reservoir at Hertford Heath (Little Amwell).

Reports on water samples taken during the calendar year 1969 from the Borough supplies by the Lee Valley Water Company were all satisfactory, there being 306 samples for bacteriological examination and 11 for chemical analyses. The samples are obtained at each of the various stages in distribution, from each of the pumping stations, at the water tower, from the reservoirs, and as it reaches the consumer.

PUBLIC HOT BATHS

The Public Hot Baths which are owned and run by the Council are situated at the Bircherley Green Car Park.

The number of baths provided during 1969 was 2,185, this number being almost exactly the same as for 1968. Corresponding numbers for previous years are :-

1968 - 2,175	1964 - 3,770
1967 - 2,349	1963 - 3,885
1966 - 2,743	1962 - 4,324
1965 - 3,070	1961 - 4,633

The continuing decrease is attributed partly to the housing programme, and partly to the provision of baths in existing houses either privately or by means of Improvement Grants.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The activated sludge treatment plant on the Mead Lane Sewage Disposal Works has operated satisfactorily during the year, the average P.H. values for the digestion tanks remaining normal. Few complaints have been received over the operation of the Works.

The Councils Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Mouchel and Partners have been instructed to invite Tenders for the first stage Contract for removal of surface infiltration to the foul sewer system.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The bulk refuse container service is proving very popular, and continues to expand.

Disposal of refuse has been to the privately owned tip at Stonyhills, Stapleford, a mile outside the Borough boundary.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

In conformity with the above Act, a tip at the Mead Lane Sewage Works for the disposal of bulky materials such as old motor cars etc., has been used regularly, and assisting considerably the many problems resulting from this type of refuse being deposited in the countryside.

SWIMMING POOL

Now in its ninth full season, the Pool is proving more popular, and is attracting people from a very large area.

The attendance figures to date have been as follows :-

	<u>General</u> <u>Public</u>	<u>School</u> <u>Children</u>	<u>Spectators</u>
1960 - Part Season	48,223	3,806	7,104
1961 - 29th April to 1st October	81,148	13,790	9,002
1962 - 28th April to 30th September	75,588	16,110	8,457
1963 - 27th April to 29th September	80,264	17,722	8,158
1964 - 25th April to 4th October	133,231	18,764	13,479
1965 - 1st May to 2nd October	89,967	19,771	10,769
1966 - 30th April to 1st October	91,861	20,864	12,003
1967 - 29th April to 30th September	94,515	22,560	12,118
1968 - 27th April to 28th September	86,001	19,530	10,610
1969 - 26th April to 27th September	132,503	19,935	10,895

The Swimming Pool is 110 feet long and 42 feet wide, and varies in depth from 3ft. 6in. to 9ft. 10ins. The Pool is provided with two diving spring boards of 3 metre and 1 metre heights, and is illuminated when necessary at evening time by twelve 500 watt tungsten flood lamps mounted on steel columns. The Pool contains some 168,000 gallons of water continuously filtered through horizontal type filters, chlorinated and subject to pH control. The water is maintained at a temperature of about 73°F., being carried out by an oil-fired boiler using 200 seconds fuel oil.

The learner's Pool introduced in 1965 has continued to prove extremely popular.

Samples of water have been taken regularly from both Pools for bacteriological examination with consistently satisfactory reports.

Public Health Etc. Acts

Dwelling Houses, Inspections and revisits	204
Sewers and Drains	37
Sanitary Accommodation and fittings	51
Mass X-Ray visit to Hertford (re advertising etc.)	224
Infectious Diseases, Contacts, Long-stay immigrants etc	56
International Certificates of Vaccination Authenticated	423
Verminous Articles, Premises and Disinfestations	9
Disposal of bedding etc.	6
National Assistance Act (Sections 47 and 50)	6
Licensed Premises, Sanitary Accommodation	5
Music and Dancing Regulations	21
Hairdressers and Barbers	2
Schools, Sanitary Accommodation etc.	5
Observations and visits; Smoke	22
.. .. . Dust or effluvia	20
Offensive and other accumulations	23
Fly and other insect nuisances	39
Keeping of Animals	9
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans	9
Employment Agencies	2
Agricultural Premises	22
Refuse Tips	67
Water Supplies	6
Litter Act, 1958	14
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	34
Other general public health visits	169
<u>Housing</u> - Inspections and revisits	62
Overcrowding	1
<u>Food Premises and Food Hygiene</u>	
Food Premises;- Retail premises	131
Food preparation premises (Canteens, Kitchens)	29
Bakehouses	21
Food Stalls and Vehicles	39
Registered premises, Section 16; Ice Cream retailers	35
Preserved food premises	14
Ice Cream Samples submitted	33
Miscellaneous and Publicity visits, and visits re control and food handling hygiene	41

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act

Inspections - Offices	27
Retail Shops	56
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	4
Catering Establishments, Canteens	20
Fuel Storage Depots	-
Total number of visits of all kinds	174
<u>Rodent Control</u> - Private Dwellings	200
Business Premises	36
Corporation Properties	33
Agricultural Properties	6
<u>Factories</u> - Factories with Mechanical Power	72
Factories without Mechanical Power	5
Other Premises under Factories Acts	4
Outworkers	27
<u>Miscellaneous</u> - Consumer Protection Act	5
Fabrics (Misdescription) Act	1
Road Traffic Act, 1956. Section 42	5
Pet Animals Act. - Pet Shops	6
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	9
Rag Flock etc, Act, 1951	1
Theatres Act 1968	3
<u>Miscellaneous Visits and Inspections</u>	66
<u>Complaints</u> received during the year	179

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTSInfectious Diseases and general preventive and health measures

During 1969, as with the past several years, the continuing low incidence of infectious diseases within the Borough required only a negligible amount of time in dealing with them, the emphasis and time use now being in relation to general preventive and health measures to avoid the importation of these infectious diseases from overseas sources.

The increase in foreign travel by local residents, either for holiday or business purposes, is reflected in the number of visits of investigation now required to be made in the follow up of information received regarding returning local residents or travellers with a Hertford destination who have been in contact with cases of Typhoid or Dysentery, or have travelled through areas where there has been an outbreak or where these diseases are prevalent. Specimen reports received from the Public Health Laboratories in each of these cases were all fortunately negative.

This increase in travel is also reflected in the number of Notifications received from Ports of Arrival, and which are followed up in respect to non-vaccinated travellers or those whose vaccinations were out of time.

A number of notifications are also now received from the County Health Authority of long-stay immigrants arriving in this country with a Hertford destination. These are all followed up as recommended by the Ministry of Health in their Memorandum to Local Authorities.

During the year signatures of Doctors were authenticated in the prescribed form on 423 International Certificates of Vaccination, an increase of 100 over the previous year. The authentications by this department are in respect to the signatures of doctors practising in this area and which are known to the department - the purpose of this being to provide proof to those health authorities overseas who require it, that the signature of the person issuing the Certificate is that of a registered Medical Practitioner.

As on previous occasions in connection with the visit of the Mass X-Ray Unit, publicity material for the public sessions was distributed by the public health department. Practically all the shops as well as other business premises dealing with a number of the public were visited, and it is a pleasure to record the immediate and co-operative response received from them all with regard to the exhibition of leaflets and posters, particularly as it is known that a number of these will not normally display any outside advertising, but as previously, have been only too ready to support this triennial visit of the X-Ray Unit. On this occasion it was also found that members of the public were only too willing to display the handbills or posters at their own private houses where this was suitable or possible.

National Assistance Act, 1948

Although a few informal visits were made under Section 47 of the Act in relation to persons in need of care and attention, fortunately no official follow-up action was required to be made by this authority either under this Section, or under Section 50 with regard to the Council's residual duty of arranging for burials where no other suitable arrangements were being made.

Dirty or verminous premises

Fortunately these days the availability and use of residual insecticides has rendered the verminous house almost non-existent though occasional requests for advice on particular problems are still received. The problem of the dirty house still exists and these occasionally have to be dealt with, either directly or with the assistance of the County Health Services. In some cases, following a death of an aged or infirm person, on request, and on health grounds, removal and destruction of personal effects and household goods has been undertaken.

Advice and assistance regarding treatment and control of general household and garden pests continues to take up an increasing amount of time. The assistance of the Ministry's Infestation Control Division in the identification of specimens and advice on control measures has been much appreciated.

Although during 1969 the destruction of wasps nests was still included and operated within the framework of the rodent control contract of the Council's Servicing Contractor, this service was discontinued by the Contractor as from the end of 1969. Wasp complaints dealt with by this service were 74 in 1969 as compared with 10 in 1968 and 149 in 1967.

Refuse Dumps

At the beginning of 1969 there were two private tips within the Borough where Consents were operative in respect to the tipping of household or other putrescible refuse, tipping at one being completed during the year. Both of these are subject to the normal conditions relating to proper control during tipping, of the materials being tipped, of the prevention of nuisance arising, and of the re-habilitation of the areas when tipping is completed.

Old Clay Pits, Hertingfordbury Although use was made of the tip when the Consent was first given, no regular tipping has since taken place. No use of the pit was made during the year under review.

Bramfield Road Pit Although Consent for the use of this pit was given in 1964, tipping of household and other refuse was not commenced until early 1967. By the beginning of 1969, the amount of refuse being received at Bramfield Road was such that the pit, though of large area, was almost filled.

The use of the pit for tipping of household and other refuse was completed in March. A considerable amount of spoil had already been taken from the pit ahead of the tipping operations and stock-piled and so provided a sufficient preliminary covering to the whole of the area when tipping was completed. Before the end of the summer the area had received its final covering of top soil and the land returned to agricultural use.

Litter

The occasional litter-dumping along road verges in the more rural parts of the town has been minimised by the Council's free collection of disused articles of a household nature, this being separate from the weekly refuse collection and mainly concerns more bulky articles such as mattresses, bedsteads and furniture.

Movable Dwellings, Caravans

There is one holiday camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a Certificate of the Ministry of Health, and who, by reason of their own camping rules, are exempt from the similar provisions of the Hertfordshire County Council Act and of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There are only two operative Site Licences within the Borough, both being in respect to individual caravans on separate sites.

Of the two, one is for the occupation of an individual caravan in connection with the constant supervision of an adjoining road surfacing plant, occupation of which is limited to the summer months during the time the plant is in operation.

The second licence is for the housing of an employee required to be permanently in a particular area in connection with the maintenance of water levels and operation of sluice gates at this site.

The residential use of caravans in connection with building or other operations does occur within the Borough, though not to a large extent, - this use being exempt from the normal provisions of the Act.

There are no Gipsy Settlements or gipsies temporary or overnight parking sites either in regular or occasional use which are situate within the Borough boundary.

Employment Agencies

There is only one Employment Agency within the Borough, this catering for Office and Shop Workers - the conduct and management of the agency being in accordance with Part V of the County Council Act.

Hertfordshire (Music and Dancing) Regulations, 1955

Existing Licences in respect of 15 of the 19 premises within the Borough were renewed by the County Council for the year 1969, the remainder not asking for renewal. Two new applications were investigated and approved by the Borough Council under Regulation 5. All the premises satisfy the Code of Practice adopted by the Borough Council having regard to the use of the premises as set out in Regulation 5. Routine visits continue to be made to these premises which include - Halls and Clubs 16, Cinema 1, but in 1969, no Licensed Premises remained on the register in respect of their music licences.

ANIMAL PROTECTION ACTS

The main purpose of these Acts is the enforcement of the Protection of Animals Acts in their application to Animal Boarding Establishments, Pet Shops, and Riding Establishments. In similar terms under these Acts, Conditions are specified in Licences issued in order to secure suitable and sufficient accommodation, an adequate supply of food and drink, reasonable precautions against spread of infectious diseases, and appropriate fire precautions etc.

Normal routine visits were made to all three premises concerned during the year, and the required conditions found to be observed.

Pet Animals Act - The existing licence in respect to the one Pet shop in the Borough was renewed at the commencement of the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act - There are two Licences operative in the Borough, one being a straightforward licence in respect to Boarding Kennels, the other being in respect to the occasional boarding of animals ancillary to a Veterinary Practice, this being in addition to those animals accommodated for treatment or other purposes connected with the practice.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACTS

Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962-1966

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953

Although only very few visits are made specifically under the Consumer Protection Act 1961, the requirements of the above regulations are borne in mind when visits are made for other purposes to premises where portable heaters are on sale. All oil heaters seen, either on sale display or in store, were found to be marked as complying with the British Standard 3300, this standard being the one on which the 1962 Regulations are based. With regard to portable heaters generally, the Regulations covering the construction and suitability of the fitted guards are being observed.

Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations, 1957

Although these Regulations are by agreement enforced by the Herts. County Council, occasional checks are made to see if helmets are marked as complying with the appropriate British Standards. There is one small factory in the Borough where helmets are manufactured and where official production samples are submitted to the prescribed tests.

Food Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 166. This number is made up as follows, the separate premises being included under the main trade being carried on, -

Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)	27
Bakehouses	5
Bakers and Cake Shops	6
Fishmongers (wet fish)	2
Fried Fish Shops	2
Butchers Shops	14
Sweet Shops	11
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	6
Cafes and Restaurants	11
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	8
Public Houses	31
Wine Shops and Off Licences	6
Residential Institutional Kitchens	7
School and Industrial Canteens	21
Clubs	3
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	5

The above food premises are six less than for 1968 - 2 Grocers, 2 Clubs, 2 Canteens, a Fishmonger and a Cafe discontinuing as such, but with one of the grocers remaining as an Off Licence and with the addition of one Licensed Premises serving meals.

Inspections and general visits to food premises continue to take up much time, though no special difficulties have arisen which have not been put in order with the co-operating of the trades-people themselves. The various requirements relating to the premises, to the food handlers, and to the handling of food, are generally being observed.

Unfortunately owing to lack of support, it was not possible to again augment the department's work under the food regulations by holding a food hygiene course for staff engaged in catering or of other staff normally required to handle foodstuffs.

The following information is given as required by Circular 1/69

Total Number of Food Premises in the Borough	166
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 relating to the provision of hand-washing facilities	all
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 relating to the provision of facilities for washing food and equipment applies (premises where open food is handled)	160
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	160

Registered Food Premises (Section 16)

(a) Sale and Storage for Sale of Ice Cream	50
Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	nil
(b) Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages etc.	12
Preparation or Manufacture of Preserved Food	3

There were practically no changes in the registered premises during the year, being two new registrations, and one notification of change of occupier under section 18.

Ice Cream

All the 33 samples of ice cream submitted to the laboratory were reported as being in Grade I.

Inspection of Foodstuffs

Although some requests from traders are still received for the examination of suspect foodstuffs, the normal trade practice is usually followed of returning suspect or unsound food through trade channels.

The unsound foodstuffs dealt with by the department included some 100 tinned foods and a total weight of 260-lbs, these foods being surrendered and disposed of by burial under supervision at the refuse tip.

In addition to the above, requests are also received in relation to frozen foods, generally after refrigeration breakdowns when the foodstuffs have thawed-out and they are no longer saleable as frozen foods. Although less in amount than in previous years, in 1969 there were some 430 assorted packets weighing 2 cwt., which were withdrawn from sale and surrendered for destruction, appropriate certificates covering these foodstuffs being issued.

HOUSING PROGRESSProgress during 1969

<u>New Dwellings erected</u>	
<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
1969	1945

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1969 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	96	(1,636)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	-	(18)
.. .. under construction at the end of year	128	

Hertford Borough Council

New Dwellings erected by the Council	25	(1,642)
.. .. . for sale	-	(51)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows)	-	-
(14 of the original 50 were demolished in 1961, 7 in 1962, and 3 in 1963 and the remaining 26 in 1964)		
.. .. under construction at end of year	42	

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc.)

New Dwellings erected during 1969	-	(80)
.. .. under construction at end of year	-	

Total new dwellings erected during 1969

.. .. under construction at end of year	121	
.. .. completed between 1945 and 31. 12. 69	170	3,427

Total occupied dwellings Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses	2,253
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows	-
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings	17

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Corporation maintains a rate-borne rodent control service providing free treatment for rat and mice infestations at all private dwellings within the Borough by means of a Contract with a Servicing Contractor who carries out all necessary disinfection works and treatments at private dwellings and Council properties.

The Operator carrying out the Council's Contract work, also carries out all other works of Rodent or other Pest Control undertaken by his firm in this area, and therefore is able to maintain a fairly complete up-to-date picture of the position as it affects the Borough. Other trained staff of the Contractor are always available should particular treatments or circumstances require their help, and additionally these personnel are always available to stand-in during holidays or sickness of the local operator, thus providing an uninterrupted 52-weeks a year service. Close contact is maintained between the Operator, the public health department, and the area surveyor for the servicing undertaking.

Although by Contract Service, routine surveys for evidence of infestation are not carried out, this is now probably a minor matter as the Council's Rodent Control Service is sufficiently well known that any rats or evidence of rats or mice seen are normally automatically reported to the department. Evidence of infestation is normally automatically looked for during all departmental visits for other purposes, though not as a routine survey. Specific requests for survey in restricted areas have however been undertaken by the operator, and additionally the firms Area Surveyor is available as a Technical Expert in support of informal action undertaken by the department.

(MAFF Form I.R.31)		Type of Property	
Properties other than Sewers		Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district (From Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis - as at 1.4.1969)		8,477	12
2. a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification		220	1
b Number infested by (i) Rats		79	-
(ii) Mice		7	-
3. a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification		300	7
b Number infested by (i) Rats		-	-
(ii) Mice		-	-

SECTION D

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

TABLE A - Registrations and General Inspections

	No. of premises newly Registered during the year.	Total number of Registered Premises at end of year.	No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	10	90	27
Retail Shops	1	153	56
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	6	4
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	20	20
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	1	-
Totals	11	270	107

TABLE B - Number of Visits of all kinds (including General Inspections) to Registered Premises

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TABLE C - Analysis by Workplace of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace (as at 31.12.1969)	Numbers of persons employed in each Class of Registered Premises (Number of Registered Premises in each Class shown in brackets)					
	Offices (90)	Retail Shops (153)	Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses (6)	Catering Estabs/ Canteens (20)	Fuel Depots (1)	Total ALL Classes (270)
Offices	842	41	12	6	-	901
Retail Shops	13	663	2	2	-	680
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	20	11	24	-	-	55
Catering Establishments open to the public.	-	-	-	127	-	127
Canteens	5	2	-	-	-	7
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	5	5
TOTALS of persons employed in each class of premises.	880	717	38	135	5	1,775
Total Males	406	264	30	62	5	767
Total Females	474	453	8	73	-	1,008

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Changes in Registration and Numbers Employed since original Registration

Registered Premises or Class of Workplace	Registration Changes			Employment Changes		
	Original Registrat- ions as at 31.12.1964	Change	Registrat- ions as at 31.12.1969	Employment as at Reg- istration 31.12.1964	Change	Numbers employed as at 31.12.1969
Offices	77	+ 13	90	563	+ 338	901
Retail Shops	153	+ -	153	722	- 42	680
Wholesale Depts/Warehouses	4	+ 2	6	35	+ 20	55
Catering Estabs. (Public)	22	- 2	20	134	- 7	127
Canteens				2	+ 5	7
Fuel Storage Depots ..	1	+ -	1	5	+ -	5
Totals	257	+ 13	270	1,461	+ 314	1,775
Males				639	+ 128	767
Females				822	+ 186	1,008

TABLE D - Exemptions

Space Temperature (All Classes)	No Applications Received or Granted
Washing Facilities (of Premises)	No Exemptions current at 31.12.1969
Sanitary Accommodation - Offices - Exemptions Granted or Extended	One
Exemptions current at 31.12.1969	One
- All other Classes - No Applications Received or Granted	
No Exemptions current at 31.12.1969	

TABLE E - Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in 1969	- Nil
Number of complaints (or summary applications) made under Sec. 22	- Nil
Number of interim orders granted	- Nil

TABLE F - Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Sec. 52(1) or (5) of the Act	- Two
Number of other staff mostly employed in connection with the Act	- Nil

Notification of Accidents - Only one Notification of an Accident was received during the year. The accident was a minor one occurring at Retail Shop premises, being straining of the ligaments of the foot caused by falling over whilst handling goods. There were no infringements of the Act as a contributory cause and no prescribed or other machines were involved.

SECTION E

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961
in respect of the year 1969 for the BOROUGH OF HERTFORD

PART I of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection s (3)	Number of Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	132	72	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	4	-	-
Total	142	81	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.N. Inspector (4)	By H.N. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (Sec. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (Sec. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Intervening ventilated space	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Lighting of convenience	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	2	-

Prescribed Particulars - Factories Act, 1961

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	Number of out-workers in August List required by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel;- Making etc.	134	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified Natures of Work (Circ. 1/70) -						
Wearing Apparel,- Cleaning and Washing; Household Linen; Lace, Lace Curtains and Nets; Curtains and Furniture Hangings; Furniture and Upholstery; Electro-plate; File Making; Brass and Brass Articles; Fur Pulling; Iron and Steel Cables and Chains; Anchors and Grapnels; Umbrellas, etc; Artificial Flowers; Tents; Sacks; Paper Bags; Brush Making; Pea Picking; Feather Sorting; Carding etc. of Buttons etc.; Stuffed Toys; Basket Making; Chocolate & Sweetmeats; Cosaques, Christmas Stockings, etc.; Textile Weaving; Lampshades.	nil	-	-	-	-	-
Total	134	-	-	-	-	-

Of the above 134 outworkers, 25 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 109 being in the area of 45 other local authorities - these authorities all being notified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

From inward notifications received, there are 2 persons in the Borough receiving work from factories situate outside the town in the areas of other local authorities.

During the year a visit was made to all of the twenty-seven out-workers whose dwellings are within the Borough

Official notifications were received from H. M. Inspector of Factories in respect to registration changes at 40 factories.

